Dawn Education Expo attracts students

STUDENTS visit a stall on the concluding day of Dawn Education Expo at Serena Hotel in Islamabad on Thursday. — Photo by Mohammad Asim

ISLAMABAD: The 21st annual Dawn Education Expo was held in Islamabad on Thursday, attracting universities and colleges from across Pakistan and abroad, as 77 educational institutions set up their stalls to help students explore opportunities.

"I explored opportunities for UK universities and received briefings from several representatives. This event is useful for students to explore options for foreign studies," said Tayaba Zulfiqar, who attended the event along with her sister Maha.

Another student, Mohammad Talha, who was collecting information for a bachelor's degree, said, "I am happy as I had very informative discussions with representatives of foreign universities. I also received detailed information about a bachelor's in Artificial Intelligence in Sri Lanka, and the degree will be issued by an Australian university," he said, adding that he also visited stalls of Malaysian, Australian and German universities. The event was held at Serena Hotel, where foreign cricket teams are also staying, but despite security issues and road blockades, candidates managed to reach the venue after facing hardships.

Some families were seen on the roads arguing with police officials to allow them access to the hotel via the blocked route to attend the event.

The annual two-day event was held in Karachi, followed by the one-day exhibition in Islamabad, and now the expo will move to Lahore, where a two-day event will be held on November 22–23.

"I am happy that I interacted with many interested students. Today, I dealt with quality students," said Andy R Roper from Imperial College London.

This year, besides international and local universities, there was also a stall offering short courses. At the end of the event, a student was also given a laptop by the organiser through a lucky draw. — Staff Reporter

ANP leader held in Bajaur after bail cancellation

BAJAUR: Awami National Party (ANP) Bajaur spokesman Obaidullah Khan Salarzai was arrested from the court premises here on Thursday after the local court cancelled his bail before arrest (BBA) in a case of committing offences against public peace and using unlawful and inflammatory language against state institutions at a gathering several weeks ago.

According to party workers and police, the ANP spokesman was detained after the additional sessions judge cancelled his bail and rejected his counsel's plea to extend his interim pre-arrest bail in the case registered against him under Sections 339, 341, 504, 505, and 124-A PPC at Khar police station on Oct 26, 2025.

After cancilation of his BBA, the court directed the police to arrest the ANP leader and shift him to the local prison.Meanwhile, a person was killed and two others wounded after unknown assailants opened fire on them in Inayat Kallay Bazaar here on Thursday. — Correspondent

Expansion of quality education to remote areas central to progress: PM

Daanish School project inaugurated in Bagh

By Tariq Naqash

MUZAFFARABAD: Asserting that the expansion of quality education to remote regions was central to Pakistan's progress, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday reaffirmed his government's commitment to national security as well as to its unrelenting political, diplomatic and moral support for the people of occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking at a ceremony after performing the groundbreaking of a Daanish School in Harighel in Bagh district of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), the prime minister said the network of Daanish Schools, launched in Punjab in 2010, had grown across the country and was transforming the lives of children from underprivileged areas.

The ceremony was attended by AJK Prime Minister Raja Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, federal ministers Engr Amir Muqam, Ahsan Iqbal and Wajiha Qamar, PM's Youth Programme Chairman Rana Mashhood Khan, AJK cabinet members Mian Abdul Waheed, Chaudhry Qasim Majeed and Sardar Ziaul Qamar, PML-N regional president Shah Ghulam Qadir and senior vice president Mushtaq Minhas.

PM Shehbaz said construction work on the Daanish School in Bhimber, initiated early this year, had already reached 35 per cent completion, while "considerable progress" had been made on the Bagh campus as well.

He said he had directed the Education Department to ensure the school's inauguration on March 23, 2026.

PRIME Minister Shehbaz Sharif receives briefing regarding the construction of Daanish School in Harighel-Bagh. — APP

Similarly, he said, the foundation stone of a Daanish School would soon be laid in Neelum Valley. He also announced a Daanish School for Forward Kahuta "as a gift" on the request of AJK's newly-elected prime minister.

Comparing Daanish Schools with Pakistan's elite institutions, he said their academic standards, qualified faculty, digital facilities, modern dormitories, sports grounds and quality kitchens made them "second to none", adding the system was created to advance the vision of Quaid-i-Azam and Allama Iqbal for merit-based opportunity.

"Your children will receive the best free education here—without anysifarish, purely on merit. Books, uniforms, food, residence and sports equipment will all be free," he said, adding that teachers would be appointed on merit, preferably from local areas "so they may teach these students like their own children."

Recalling the journey of Daanish Schools since 2010, he said thousands of their students had gone on to become doctors, engineers and politicians. "I have full faith that the boys and girls of this state will also bring honour to AJK and make Pakistan proud."

Turning to national security, the prime minister referred to a "recent report of the US Congress", saying it had validated Pakistan's triumph in a short (military) confrontation with India in May.

"Now even US President Donald Trump mentions in each speech that Pakistan shot down seven 'brand new' Indian aircraft."

He said he could state without fear or hesitation that it was due to the bravery of the valiant soldiers of Pakistan Army, the outstanding performance of the Air Force's falcons and the country's ground forces that they fired the Al-Fatah missile inside India — "and within four days the Indian military was brought to its knees."

"It was the blessing of Allah and the military's gallantry under the wonderful leadership of Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir who made fearless decisions in consultation with me."

On the economic front, he said the government was "working day and night" to secure Pakistan's rightful place and achieve sustainable progress.

The prime minister also linked the aspirations of children in AJK with those in occupied Kashmir. "If a Daanish School is being built in Bagh today, the children in occupied Kashmir are also wishing for the day when Kashmir will become Pakistan and Daanish Schools will be built there as well."

He reaffirmed that Pakistan remained "fully committed" to decisions taken by a federal negotiating team with the AJK's [Joint Awami Action]Committee and called on PM Rathore to establish exemplary governance standards along with his team across the region.

"Just as Azad Kashmir seeks development and dignity, occupied Kashmir seeks freedom," he said, vowing that Pakistan would continue extending political, diplomatic and moral support "until the people of occupied Kashmir receive their rights."

Earlier, the AJK premier said the project underscored the prime minister's affection for the Kashmiri peopleand his long-standing commitment to the region's development and prosperity.

Paying tribute to Pakistan's armed forces for their sacrifices at the borders, he said the day was not far when Kashmiris would achieve their right to self-determination. "We, as a nation, are grateful to the Pakistani people and political and military leadership for their consistent support and fearless advocacy of the Kashmir issue at the global stage", Mr Rathore said.

Federal ministers Ahsan Iqbal, Amir Muqam and Rana Mashhood also spoke on the occasion.

Pine nut price witnesses unprecedented decline in South Waziristan

By AK Wazir

SOUTH WAZIRISTAN: The price of pine nut (chilgoza) in Lower South Waziristan have witnessed an unprecedented decline in the current season, dropping from last year's Rs10,000 per kilogram to the current Rs3,000 per kilogram.

Traders say that the steep fall in price of pine nut has created financial distress for thousands of families linked with the region's most valuable dry fruit economy.

Commission agent Imran Wazir told this scribe that the dramatic price drop in price of pine nut was result of three major factors. "These factors include exceptionally high production, a slowdown in international demand and systematic harassment of pine nut traders by customs and police personnel in Lahore, Rawalpindi and other major cities," he added.

He said that pine nut production in South Waziristan Lower surged sharply in the current year, resultantly it was supplied in a larger quantity to market. "Farmers and traders were optimistic that a good harvest would bring better earnings. Instead, the reverse happened. Oversupply pushed price down faster than anyone expected," he said.

Mr Wazir said that the new price level, less than one-third of last year's, alarmed local growers, who invested heavily in labour, transport and processing of pine nut. He added that the situation was aggravated by repeated interference from customs and police authorities outside the district.

"In Lahore, Rawalpindi and several other cities, official teams stop trucks without reason, re-check documents unnecessarily and pressurise traders," he alleged. Those practices increased transportation costs, delayed deliveries and ultimately reduced the product's freshness and market value, he added.

"Chilgoza is not an ordinary commodity. It is sensitive, expensive and highly perishable. Even small delays affect its worth. When trucks are stopped for hours or a whole day, its price drops instantly," said Mr Wazir.

Local traders said that that last year, customs authorities in Lahore sealed pine nut market of Waziristan traders that caused huge losses to them. "We had barely recovered from last year's shock. This season has pushed the market into another crisis," a trader told this scribe.

Traders said that people of Waziristan dealt in chilgoza trade peacefully and lawfully. They described the work as one of the most labour-intensive seasonal trades in the region. "From harvesting the cones in high mountains to shelling, cleaning, drying and storing, every step requires hard work. But after all this effort, we are humiliated in other cities through unjustified checking and harassment," they said.

They said that they regularly paid the mandatory Rs5 per kilogram duty to forest department, fulfilling all legal requirements of the trade. "When all dues are paid, then why traders are stopped repeatedly on highways" questioned a trader.

Javed Wazir, a grower, said that yield of pine nut in the current year increased nearly threefold, placing enormous pressure on market. "When the quantity triples, the price is naturally going to fall. It is basic market economics," he said.

He said that international market, especially in Gulf and East Asian countries, had seen a noticeable decline in demand, leading to fewer export orders. "Buyers abroad are purchasing less. When global demand drops, local prices immediately feel the impact," he explained.

However, he said that the 'most damaging' factor was interference by customs and police officials in Punjab's major cities. "Vehicles carrying pine nut are stopped again and again. Trucks are forced to wait at multiple checkpoints. Documents are reviewed repeatedly as if the intention is only to delay the consignment," he alleged.

Traders fear that if official interference continues, pine nut exports may also decline sharply, harming Pakistan's position in international market. "Chilgoza from Waziristan is among the finest in the world. But policy-level neglect and unnecessary obstruction are threatening its reputation," said a trader.

Local traders urged government to intervene immediately, abolish unnecessary checkpoints and instruct customs and police departments not to overstep their authority. "Ensuring smooth transportation of pine nut is crucial. The income of thousands of families in South Waziristan Lower depends on this trade. Timely government action is essential to stabilise the market before the next harvest season," said a trader.

Space science vital to industrial innovation: minister

By Kalbe Ali

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal has lauded the advanced space programme of the country, and said that space science was vital for national progress, industrial innovation, and future economic competitiveness.

He was addressing the International Conference on Applications of Space Science and Technology (ICAST 2025) at the Institute of Space Technology (IST).

The three-day global conference, jointly organised by the Institute of Space Technology & Suparco, brought together the world's leading experts, researchers, and industry professionals from 25 countries

The minister said that ICAST 2025 reflects Pakistan's aspiration to become a knowledge-driven and technologically strong nation and emphasised the importance of global partnerships in space technologies & we will go far together with the international community.

ICAST 2025 showcased Pakistan's technological potential through 10 specialised thematic domains, 60 research presentation sessions, and more than 200 research papers from 16 countries, 13 industry-driven space application workshops. The thematic plenary sessions were attended by global experts from 21 countries.

The discussions centred on satellite engineering, artificial intelligence, remote sensing, industrial applications of space technology, climate solutions, and emerging global challenges.

IST also presented its locally developed space technologies and research innovations, highlighting Pakistan's commitment to advancing scientific knowledge for societal benefit.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE MALIR KARACHI

No. D&SJ/M/N/645 /2025 MALIR
DATED: 18/11/25

Subject: CANCELATION OF THE TENDER NOTICE

Reference: Tender Notice No.D&SJ/N/M/617/2025 Dated: 08-11-2025

It is hereby notified that the tender published on 12-11-2025 in news paper daily Jang, Kawish and Dawn regarding purchase of E-KIOSKS, Air-conditioners, wall mount water cooler and water dispenser stands cancelled due to administrative reasons.

All interested bidders are informed that the tender process has been withdrawn, and no further action will be taken on the previously issued tender notice.

A fresh tender will be issued separately.

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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

No. TCP/T&R/Rice/Bangladesh/25-1/2025 November 20, 2025

TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT OF 100,000 MT (ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND METRIC TONS) LONG GRAIN WHITE RICE (IRRI-6) +/ - 5% MOLSO

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Trading Corporation of Pakistan (Pvt.) Limited, Karachi, under Rule-42(d)(iii) of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004, invites separate sealed bids from Companies/ Partnership/Sole Proprietors dealing in export of Rice, for purchase of 100,000 Metric Tons Long Grain White Rice (IRRI-6) 5% Broken on CIF Liner Out Chattogram Port, Bangladesh Basis through Karachi Ports for export to Bangladesh in the shape of break bulk cargo packed in 50 kg polypropylene (PP) woven bags as per specification provided in the bidding document. Detailed specifications/requirements and the terms and conditions of tender can be seen in the Tender Document.

2. The bids shall be submitted by bidder for a minimum quantity of 25,000 MTs or multiples thereof with a maximum quantity of 100,000 MTs for Long Grain White Rice (IRRI-6).
3. Tender document containing detailed terms & conditions, method of procurement, procedure for submission of bids, bid security, bid validity, opening of bids, bid evaluation criteria, clarification/ rejection of bids, performance guarantee etc. are available for the interested bidders on payment of PKR 2,000/- (Pak Rupees Two Thousand only), which can be purchased from following offices (Except Saturday & Sunday), **till 1100 hours November 28, 2025** from:
   (i) Deputy Manager (Cash), Trading Corporation of Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd, 8th Floor, Block-A, Finance & Trade Centre, Shahrah-e-Faisal, Karachi, Pakistan (Phone: 021-99202947-49 Ext.: 235);
   (ii) General Manager, Regional Office, Trading Corporation of Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd., 2nd Floor, LDA Plaza, Edgerton Road, Lahore (Phone No.042-99206065-69); and
   (iii) Manager, Regional Office, Trading Corporation of Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd., House No. 114, Street 11, PHAF Residencia, Kurri Road, Islamabad (Tel: 051-9450441 - 42)
4. The tender documents can also be downloaded from official websites of TCP (www.tcp.gov.pk) and PPRA (www.ppra.org.pk). However, the receipt for purchase of tender documents can be obtained from the cash section of TCP against the payment of PKR 2,000/- (Pak Rupees Two Thousand only) prior to dropping the bid envelope in the tender box within the specified time as mentioned at Para-3 above.
5. The bids, prepared in accordance with the instructions in the tender documents, must be dropped in the tender box placed at Reception Counter of TCP, 4th Floor, Block-B, Finance & Trade Centre, Shahrah-e-Faisal, Karachi, on or before November 28, 2025, latest by 1130 hours. Bids will be opened on the same day at 1200 hours in the TCP's Board Room, in presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who may wish to be present.
6. The interested parties who have previously not fulfilled their contractual obligations with TCP shall not be eligible to participate in the Bids, unless they clear their dues along with penalties or fulfill their contractual obligations in services and commodities with TCP, as the case may be, before tender opening date. Furthermore, those firms who have been blacklisted or against whom black listing procedure has been initiated by TCP shall not be eligible to participate in the tender. Detailed specifications/requirements are indicated in the Tender Document containing tender terms & conditions. TCP reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers wholly or partially or bifurcate or increase/decrease the tender quantity as per PPR-2004.
7. This advertisement is also available on TCP website at **www.tcp.gov.pk** and PPRA website at **www.ppra.org.pk**.

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PAKISTAN AIRPORTS AUTHORITY (PAA)

TENDER NOTICE

Bids are invited in accordance with **PPRA Rule No. 36 (b)** Single Stage - Two Envelopes from contractors / firms having engineering expertise / resources and valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) in at-least C-6 Category having relevant PEC specialization codes i.e. **ME-03 & EE-04** for the following work;

IT #	Name of Work	Bid Security	Date and Time of Bids Closing	Date and Time of Bids Opening
PAA/QTA-DIV/ E&M/24-25/12	Provisioning and Installation of Secondary Standby Gensets at VS-I & VS-II at QIAP	800,000/-	Up till 1130 hrs Dated 09-12-2025	At 1200 hrs Dated 09-12-2025

- Bids must be submitted electronically via PPRA E-PAD System (http://eprocure.gov.pk) only, as per conditions set out in Bidding documents, before closing time & date. NO bids shall be accepted through any other means other than EPADS.
- Financial Instrument for Earnest money/ Bid Security must be submitted at the below mentioned address, physically (in original) before bids closing time as mentioned above. Non-submission of Bid Security shall lead to rejection of bid.
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- Time period for performance / completion of work shall be **180** days after issuance of written order to commence.

Note:

1. **Any financial instrument submitted by the bidder, if found fake or got dishonored at any stage would result in blacklisting and legal action as per law.**

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